

# SC XVII – 7th Meeting Geneva, 11 September 2017

#### **Decision Sheet**

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#### 1. Opening of the meeting

- The Standing Commission noted with profound regret the resignation of Ms Eva von Oelreich, its previous Member and Chair since 2015, due to very understandable personal reasons; it unanimously expressed its gratitude to Ms Eva von Oelreich for her remarkable commitment to the Commission over the last two years and for her legacy on which the Commission will continue to work, and further wished her every success in her future endeavor.
- The Standing Commission unanimously elected Mr George Weber as the new Chairman of the Standing Commission and Mr Chrystold Chetty as Vice-Chairman.
- In application of Article 17.2 of the Statutes of the Movement, the Standing Commission appointed Mr Ibrahim Osman as a new Member, welcoming a Movement person of great experience and wisdom.
- After being informed of the brutal killing of two ICRC staff on 9 September in Western Equatoria (South Sudan) and on 11 September in Mazar-e-Sharif (Afghanistan), the Standing Commission expressed its deepest sympathy to their families and the ICRC. It expressed its dismay and deep concern about such attacks against humanitarian personnel, which again highlighted the extreme difficulties faced by Movement personnel and volunteers in providing assistance and protection to victims and vulnerable persons.

### 2. Agenda

The proposed Agenda for the meeting SC XVII-7 REV1, was approved as circulated.

# 3. Minutes

The draft Minutes of the meeting SC XVII-6 REV (Crozet, 19 June 2017) were adopted.

## 4. RC/RC Statutory Meeting - Antalya 2017

- The Standing Commission welcomed the update on the general organization and sequencing of the meetings and events in Antalya, as well as on the communication and evaluation plans.
- For practical reasons, the Standing Commission agreed to postpone its next meeting (SC XVII-8) from 8 November to 9 November 2017.

- The Standing Commission commended the co-organizers on their work in preparation of the joint opening ceremony, the joint award ceremony and the Council's opening panel, and provided additional guidance on protocol and security.
- The Standing Commission decided to continue its reflection in 2018 on the options open to it to promote harmonization between the rules for participation in the statutory meetings of the Movement and those applicable to IFRC members in the event of a breach of integrity.
- The Standing Commission welcomed the work in progress with the list of officers for the Council of Delegates and its eight workshops, tasking co-organizers to contact identified persons and liaise with the Chairman of the Commission to complete as necessary the list to be submitted to the Council for approval.
- The Standing Commission approved the revised provisional agenda of the Council of Delegates as
  well as the official working documents to be dispatched to participants before 26 September; the
  Chairman received a delegation of authority to approve the dispatch of additional documents which
  were not presented at the Commission meeting.

### 5. RC/RC STATUTORY MEETINGS IN 2019 (33RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, ETC.)

- The Standing Commission welcomed the nomination by the authorities of Switzerland of H.E. Ambassador Didier Pfirter, as Commissioner for the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of 2019.
- The Secretary was tasked to pursue his work of compiling and mapping lessons learned and recommendations recently made on previous statutory meetings, in order to produce a status report and to develop until the first meeting of the Standing Commission in 2018, and in coordination with the JOC, a work plan to explore possible enhancement of the organizational setup, concept, agenda & program and processes of consultation and participation;
- The Standing Commission agreed on the proposal to explore with the in-coming IFRC Governing Board the option of establishing, as early as possible in 2018, a joint working group on the 2019 statutory meetings.

# 6. UPDATE ON THE ELECTION OF THE STANDING COMMISSION IN 2019

The Standing Commission welcomed the update and different views on the work in progress on the existing rules, past practices and possible enhancement options for the election of the Standing Commission; the Secretary was tasked to come back with proposals, to be discussed in early 2018, supporting the perception of inclusive and fair elections, open to diversity.

# 7. INFORMAL BRAINSTORMING OF THE STANDING COMMISSION

The Standing Commission agreed to include in its 2018 work plan a discussion to be continued on effective and resilient governance and integrity, focusing on issues where it can provide Movement leadership and added value.

## 8. STANDING COMMISSION INTERNAL MATTERS

The Secretary was tasked to present a revised work plan to the Standing Commission in November with a schedule of meetings in 2018 and priority activities in 2018-2019.

# 9. AOB AND CLOSING

As his term of office approached, the Standing Commission wished to express to Mr Tadateru Konoé its warm gratitude for the 16 years he had spent in the Commission and for the outstanding value of his commitment to its work, first as an elected member from 1995 to 2003, then as ex-officio member and President of the IFRC from 2009 to 2017.